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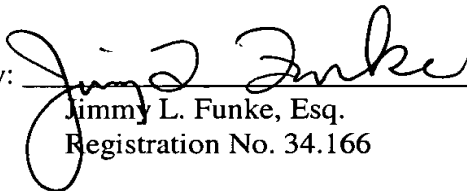
Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed February 10, 2003, the period for response having been extended one (1) month to April 10, 2003, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention identified as Invention I associated with claims 1-10 and 23-29, drawn to an interconnect for fuel cell elements comprising a specific shape, classified in class 429, subclass 30. Claims 11-22 are hereby cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to the invention identified as Invention II associated with non-elected claims 11-22, drawn to a method for preparing an interconnect comprising a specific shape, classified in class 429, subclass 12, and to yet unclaimed subject matter.

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action. If there are any additional charges with respect to this election, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-0831 maintained by Applicants' attorney. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of the application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 813-1214.

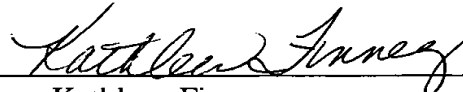
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